

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0049530

**Licence being assessed:** WA/067/0002/013.

For: , held by Euros Puw.

At: .

**Type of assessment:** Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 24/07/2025, between 13:00 and 16:00.

Parts of licence assessed: See report

**NRW Lead Officer:** Swyn Spencer, accompanied by Ffion Hughes.

**Report sent to:** Euros Puw, Licence Holder, on 02/10/2025.

### 1. Summary of our findings (full details in section 4)

Part of licenced activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Licence condition
WR-B3 - Water Abstraction - Abstraction measurement and records - Reporting	C3 Minor	8.1
WR-F1 - Water Abstraction - Discharge - Point of discharge	Action only (X)	

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

### 2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WR-B3	Send returns from 2019 to 2025 to NRW returns team	10/11/2025
WR-F1	Send photo with suitable screen on outfall as per licence - not breached as not checked on the day	16/10/2025

Action criteria codes are listed in the 'Important Information' section below.

### 3. What will happen next?

Any non-compliance we have identified and recorded on this form is an offence. It can result in criminal prosecution or civil sanctions being imposed depending on the circumstances of the offence.

**You are non-compliant with your licence.**

**We are currently considering taking enforcement action against you for the non-compliance recorded above. We will contact you in due course.**

### 4. Details of our assessment

**Cysylltwch efo Swyn Spencer ar y rhif a'r ebost isod os gwelwch yn dda. I drafod y drwydded.**

**Please contact Swyn Spencer to discuss this licence.**

**This HEP scheme is licenced by Abstraction Licence WA/067/0002/013 V001 and Impoundment Licence WA/067/0002/015 V001 – Euros Puw Scheme**

**This report is in reference to the Abstraction Licence WA/067/0002/013 V001**

A compliance visit was undertaken on Euros Puw Hydro Scheme on the Unnamed Tributary of Llyn Celyn. It was visited on the 24.07.2025 by Environment Officers Swyn Spencer and NRW colleague Ffion Hughes.

You should always familiarise yourselves with the two licences in full to ensure compliance.

Water was not going over the abstraction screen at Point A on the day of our compliance visit. The scheme was not abstracting.

#### SOURCE OF SUPPLY:

1. Inland water (stream) known as the Nant Aberderfel, Arenig, Bala, Gwynedd.

#### POINT OF ABSTRACTION:

2.1 National Grid Reference.

**Compliant.**

#### 4 PURPOSE OF ABSTRACTION

Power generation

#### 5. PERIOD OF ABSTRACTION

All year.

#### 6 MAXIMUM QUANTITIES OF WATER TO BE ABSTRACTED

Nant Aberderfel – Euros Puw Hydro

During the time of the visit, the scheme was not abstracting water for the purpose of power production. The top part of the screen was dry and the rest of it full of moss. Of course it is to the Licence holders benefit that it is kept clean.

14,256 cubic metres per day

3,991,680 cubic meters per year

At an instantaneous rate not exceeding 165 litres per second.

Note: A day means any period of 24 consecutive hours and a year means the 12 months period beginning on 1 April and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> April.

## 8.1 RECORDS

We have not received returns since 2019 therefore this has been marked as

**Non Compliant.**

### **Outstanding Water Abstraction Return – Advice and Guidance**

We have not received the required abstraction return(s) for licence number **WA/067/0002/013 V001** for the period **2019 – 2025** This is a breach of your licence conditions and is an offence under section 24(4)(b) of the Water Resources Act 1991.

Please ensure the outstanding return is submitted by **10.11.2025. Action needed.**

Returns can be submitted online. If no water was abstracted during the period, a nil return must still be submitted. You will need to be the licence holder or a nominated contact to access the service. If you do not yet have access or require a registration code, please get in touch. More information can be found on the following web page: [Natural Resources Wales / Submit your water abstraction return](#)

If you are unable to use the online service, a paper form is available. Please complete and return it as soon as possible. A copy of the return must be kept on site for inspection.

If you have any queries or require assistance, please contact the Water Resources Returns Team on 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm) or email [waterresources.returns@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:waterresources.returns@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk). Be sure to quote your licence number in all correspondence.

9.4 (i)Point Q - Grid Reference: Not checked on the day.

9.5 If you were abstracting on the day you would have been given a breach for this condition due to the bracket being in situ when not allowed on the residual flow area. As the flow regime as per licence would have been compromised.

Please ensure you only place the bracket in situ when allowed as per licence. From November to March.

9.6 Installation of Conada screen 2 millimetre bar spacing, at the point of Abstraction.  
**Compliant.**

9.7: *'No abstraction shall take place unless the Licence Holder has installed a screen with spacing no greater than 10 millimetres to the discharge outlet pipe to prevent the entrapment, entrainment or impingement of fish'*.

We did not check this on the day, however we request a photo of the outfall pipe. If it doesn't have a screen with spacing no greater than 10mm, you will need to install one before sending the photo, by the date given at the end of this report.

**Action needed.**

#### **Summary and Actions:**

There is one non-compliance recorded, and two Actions to complete for this report relating to the Abstraction Licence conditions:

#### **Breach of condition 8.1 and Action**

Please send NRW returns needed as explained in this report to NRW Water Resources Returns team by **10.11.2025. This giving you and your consultant more time to gather the information.**

#### **Action for Condition 9.7:**

we request a photo of the outfall pipe. If it doesn't have a screen with spacing no greater than 10mm, you will need to install one before sending the photo, by **16.10.2025.**

ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING:

#### **Further note on our planned and reactive visits:**

We wish to confirm in writing that according to Water Resources legislations, we have a legal right to enter the land to do our compliance checks, without prior notification. This is the procedure I take when visiting Hydropower schemes for compliance checks. We will always contact landowner on departure, to say that we have been, and that a report will be sent to the Licence Holder. We need to be able to visit a scheme prior to notifying the landowner or licence holder, in the first instance.

For reference please familiarise yourself with Section 169, Water Resources Act, 1991 – for our planned routine visits (which are unannounced):

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1991/57/section/169>

This clearly states that we are able to legally enter premises to carry out inspections.

You can contact us, if you see a NRW vehicle parked on site, and wish to query it.

In addition on some visit we may also ask the Licence Holder or Land Owner to accompany us, in order to discuss aspect of the scheme or to enter the turbine house.

**Additional Note on Licence name changes:**

If a name change (or adding names) is required on an issued licence you would need to apply for an administrative variation for the licence. You can do this by completing a [WRF Form](#) found on our webpage [Natural Resources Wales / Apply to renew or change an existing abstraction or impoundment licence](#). There is no fee for an administrative change to a licence, and we will aim to process the request within 20 working days.

If you have any queries regarding this compliance report or your abstraction and impoundment licences then please do not hesitate to contact me on the number or e-mail address below.

Please contact me if you require further information:

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*Please note any reference within the CAR/ permit to the Environment Agency means Natural Resources Wales.*

*In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) order 2012.*

If you have any queries about this report, or to discuss completion of any actions, please contact the NRW Officer named above.

## Important information

### Legal status of this report

Your licence is issued to you under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your licence and prevent pollution/harm to the environment. You must also ensure that you comply with any other relevant legislation that may apply to your site's operations.

This report explains the findings of our assessment and any action you are required to take. We categorise non-compliance using our guidance for assessing non-compliance at regulated sites.

When we find potential non-compliance/s we will normally give you advice on how to maintain compliance.

To correct non-compliance, we may:

- require you to take specific actions
- issue a notice.

Any advice and guidance we give will be without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

### Assessment results and non-compliance categories (used in section 1):

Assessment result	Description
Assessed (A)	Assessed or assessed in part, no evidence of non-compliance found
Action only (X)	Action only relating to the activity assessment
Ongoing (O)	Ongoing non-compliance, not scored

Non-compliance category	Description
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property

### If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend non-compliance for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. These will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

**Full list of Water resource action criteria** (used in section 1 and 2):**WR A: Abstraction specified by Licence**

- WR-A1 Source of supply
- WR-A2 Points of abstraction
- WR-A3 Means of abstraction
- WR-A4 Purposes of abstraction
- WR-A5 Period of abstraction
- WR-A6 Quantities
- WR-A7 Land
- WR-A8 Other specified on licence

**WR B: Abstraction measurement and records**

- WR-B1 Means of measurement
- WR-B2 Recording
- WR-B3 Reporting

**WR C: Surface / Groundwater level and protected flow**

- WR-C1 Minimum hands-off flow/level requirements
- WR-C2 Flow/level measurement devices
- WR-C3 Recording
- WR-C4 Reporting

**WR D: Environmental monitoring and information**

- WR-D1 Recording
- WR-D2 Reporting
- WR-D3 Notifications

**WR E: Fish and eel passage**

- WR-E1 Infrastructure specified by licence
- WR-E2 Maintenance and records

**WR F: Discharge**

- WR-F1 Point of discharge
- WR-F2 Infrastructure
- WR-F3 Measurement
- WR-F4 Recording
- WR-F5 Reporting

**WR G: Impoundment specified by licence**

- WR-G1 Inland water to be impounded
- WR-G2 Manner and extent of impoundment
- WR-G3 Point(s) of impoundment
- WR-G4 Construction and removal requirements
- WR-G5 Other specified on licence

**WR H: Borehole infrastructure**

- WR-H1 Infrastructure and accessibility
- WR-H2 Maintenance and calibration

**Enforcement response**

Any licence condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution or civil sanctions. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

**Data protection notice**

You should make sure that anyone named in this report knows that the information it contains will be processed by Natural Resources Wales to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

- offering or providing you with our literature or services relating to environmental matters
- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (e.g. Health and Safety Executive, local authorities) on environmental issues
- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
- providing public register information to enquirers
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

**Disclosure of information – this report will be available to view on-line**

If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within 20 working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

**What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?**

If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

If you are unable to resolve the issue with the lead officer or their line manager you should contact our Customer Contact team on 0300 065 3000 (Mon to Fri 08:00 – 18:00), or email [enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales by phone on 0300 7900203 or by email at [ask@ombudsman.wales](mailto:ask@ombudsman.wales)

**Welsh Language Standards**

We are committed to establishing Natural Resources Wales as a naturally bilingual organisation. We will provide compliance reports in your preferred language.